



## Kalamazoo County is Ready to Read!

Thurs, October 6, 1-4 pm

**Bronson Gilmore Center  
for Health Education,  
7 Healthcare Plaza, Kalamazoo**



Calling all early  
childhood educators,  
caregivers and  
parents! Join us  
for an afternoon  
of professional

development with keynote speaker  
Dr. Robert Needlman, co-founder  
of the national Reach Out and Read  
Program. For more information,  
visit [kpl.gov/needlman](http://kpl.gov/needlman).

## The Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee

Wed, November 9, 6-9 pm

**WMU Bernhard Center  
1903 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo**

It's time to break out the dictionary  
and start practicing for the 16th  
Annual Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee!  
Join us and support Ready  
to Read, our early childhood  
literacy program. We are now  
searching for sponsors, teams of  
spellers and cheerleaders! Visit  
[kpl.gov/bee](http://kpl.gov/bee) or call 269-553-7885  
for more information.

## 2016 MARY CALLETO RIFE YOUTH LITERATURE SEMINAR

### MEET THE AUTHOR **Naomi Shihab Nye**

Thurs, November 17  
6:30 – 8 pm, CEN

Doors open at 6 pm, space is limited.  
Free event; open to the public

Naomi Shihab Nye gives voice to her experience as an  
Arab-American through poems about heritage and peace  
that overflow with a humanitarian spirit. About her work, the  
poet William Stafford has said, "her poems combine transcendent liveliness and  
sparkle along with warmth and human insight. She is a champion of the literature  
of encouragement and heart. Reading her work enhances life."



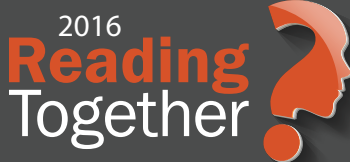
### • • • • • SEMINAR DETAILS • • • • •

Fri, November 18  
9 am – 3:30 pm

**Fetzer Center, WMU | 2350 Business Court, Kalamazoo, MI**

2016 marks Kalamazoo Public Library's 39th Annual Mary Calletto Rife Youth Literature  
Seminar. This year's seminar features award-winning author and poet, Naomi Shihab Nye,  
award-winning Kalamazoo author Jennifer Clark, and award-winning educator and  
book reviewer Ed Spicer.

Registration is now open! A detailed schedule, speaker bios and more can be found at  
[kpl.gov/yls](http://kpl.gov/yls).



**Reading Together  
is celebrating our 15th year!**

This year's title will be announced soon!  
Check [readingtogether.us](http://readingtogether.us) for updates

Don't miss Friends of  
KPL Annual Book Sale!  
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# events Adult

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## Check Out a “Banned Book”

September 25 – October 1

Banned Books Week is an annual celebration of the freedom to read that brings national attention to the dangers of censorship. According to the American Library Association (ALA), over 11,000 books have been challenged since Banned Books Week was introduced in 1982. The motives for books to be challenged are as diverse as the challenged titles themselves. Offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexual explicitness, unsuitability for the intended age group, and nudity have all been cited as reasons for challenging a book's inclusion in schools and libraries. Librarians and readers stand up each year during this week to support our freedom to read and the open exchange of ideas, even those ideas that differ widely from our own.

Check out a “banned book” from one of our displays this week or see the ALA's top ten most challenged books of 2015 at [www.kpl.gov/books](http://www.kpl.gov/books).



CEN (Central Library) ..... 553-7800  
EAS (Eastwood)..... 553-7810  
OSH (Oshtemo) ..... 553-7980  
POW (Alma Powell) ..... 553-7960  
WSQ (Washington Square) .. 553-7970



## FRIENDS OF POETRY

### An Illustrated Reading with Mary Hatch and Elizabeth Kerlikowske

Tues, September 27, 7 pm, CEN

Mary Hatch calls her paintings little novels. Elizabeth Kerlikowske put those paintings into words. Hear the poems. See the paintings. Discover the method to their madness.

### 3rd Annual Can Poetry Be Funny?

Tues, October 25, 7 pm, CEN

Can poetry be funny? Mildly amusing? Worth a smile? Join Friends of Poetry at a reading to explore this question.



## BOOKS

### Gunpowder Percy Reading

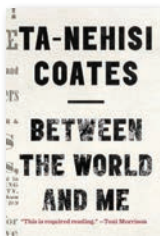
Tues, October 4, 6 pm, OSH



It's 1603 and Sir Thomas Percy can't stay away from the Globe Playhouse and the history plays London is mad for. Inspired by the warrior Hotspur in Shakespeare's *Henry IV*, he joins a group of disaffected Catholics that includes the mysterious traveler Guido Fawkes and the rebel aristocrat Robin Catesby. Together they and the women who love them embark on a quest to destroy a Protestant king and return the nation to a holy medieval past. Dr. Grace Tiffany, professor of Shakespeare and Renaissance literature at WMU, will read from her newest book *Gunpowder Percy* and actor Chuck Bentley will read selected scenes from Shakespeare's works. Books available for purchase at event from Michigan News Agency.

### ® Powell Book Discussion Group

Tues, October 11, 6 pm, POW



We will discuss *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Alma Powell Branch. Registration required.

## HUB WORKSHOPS

### ® Adobe Photoshop Workshop

Mondays, September 12 & 26,  
6 pm, CEN – The Hub

Ever wanted to restore an old or damaged photo? Have you ever taken a vacation picture and wish you could cut out a random tourist walking by? Then this class is for you! With help from The Hub's intern we will show you the basics of scanning your own photos as well as using professional photo editing software. After this class you should have a basic understanding of the tools to restore, manipulate, and organize all your photos. Registration required.

### ® Adobe Premiere Workshop

Mondays, October 10 & 24,  
6 pm, CEN – The Hub

Have you always wanted to start a video blog but didn't know where to start? Have you ever watched a YouTube video and thought you could make a better show? With this introductory class to Adobe Premiere you will soon be producing and editing your own video content. The main focus of the class will be learning how to cut clips, add video/audio transitions, voice over tracks, and how to insert graphics/titles. For advanced users we will also explore some of the tools in Adobe After Effects. Registration required.

® Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.

## LEGAL

### Ask a Lawyer

For appointment information  
call the Law Library, 553-7920

Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law.

For a free 20-minute appointment, call: 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

## MUSIC

### GLAMA Community Sing

Tuesdays, September 20, October 18  
& November 15, 7 pm, CEN

Come and sing along with folksinger and songwriter Patricia Pettinga, and her GLAMA Community Sing co-hosts. Lyric sheets are provided.

### GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Tues, October 11 & November 8,  
7 pm, CEN

We invite you to join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow to medium tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome! Basic jamming tips are included.

### Friends of Gamelan

Sat, October 29, 2 pm, CEN

In partnership with the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music, Kalamazoo Public Library will host an afternoon of Gamelan music, the traditional ensemble music of Java and Bali in Indonesia, made up predominantly of percussive instruments. Chicago's Friends of the Gamelan, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the instruction and performance of gamelan music.



## HISTORY & GENEALOGY

### The Library Ladies of Kalamazoo

Thurs, September 22,  
7 pm, CEN

Meet the authors of the new book *The Library Ladies of Kalamazoo: Their Home and History* and learn how they collaborated to create a beautifully designed pictorial guide of the oldest women's club in Michigan and the third oldest in the nation. Discover how the organization was founded, the trials and triumphs that charter members encountered as women of the 19th century, and how the organization and its building have remained a vibrant landmark in the community for over 160 years.

### History of the House of David

Thurs, September 29, 7 pm, CEN

David Kohrman will trace the development, faith, and business pursuits of the Israelite House of David from their arrival in Benton Harbor in 1903 to the present day. Highlights include their famed amusement park, traveling baseball teams, fascinating membership, and rare photographs from the colony's private archive.

### Freemasonry: Its Global Ideas and Local Influence

Wed, October 19, 7 pm, CEN

An introduction to the world's oldest and largest fraternity, including a survey of its origins, symbols, and historical connections to the state of Michigan.



## Kalamazoo Trivia Time Answer

In the summer issue of LINK, we asked what Central Library used to store in the basement during the winter months. The hint was a photo of The Fountain of the Pioneers in Bronson Park. The answer? Fish! The pool of the fountain once featured live fish. During the colder months, the fish were relocated to Central Library's basement, which is now the lower level. No doubt the fish were disappointed to find out "bookworms" weren't part of their dining experience at KPL!



## Israelite House of David – Musical Traditions

Presented by Tom Meldrim  
and Keith Howard

Wed, October 26, 7 pm, CEN

During the first half of the 20th century, musicians from Benton Harbor's Israelite House of David played to audiences all over the world. They formed musical comedy acts, string bands, marching bands, jazz bands and dance orchestras. The colony's music industry was a major component of their economic success, which in turn had a significant impact on the development of Southwest Michigan. Join us as Tom and Keith explore the musical history and traditions of the Israelite House of David.

## ® Genealogy Week at the Library – Personal Genealogy Consultation

Genealogy Week is October 3-7

Need a leg up on your family tree? Sign up for an hour of one-on-one research guidance with an experienced local history room staff member. Spots are limited. Call 269-553-7808 for an appointment.

## Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 10

Find great deals on books, music, movies, and more! It's time for the Friends Fall Bag-of-Books Sale. For only \$2 you can fill your bag with books, CDs, videos, and whatever else you find at our sale. Deals like this happen only three times a year.

DATE:  
Sat, September 10

TIME:  
9 am to 3:30 pm

PLACE:  
CEN, 3rd Floor

### Here's some helpful information:

- It's helpful to bring your own sturdy reusable bag
- Books are divided by category
- Come early for children's books – they go fast
- Shop early for the best selection, come later for a more leisurely shopping experience





# events Adult

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## Finding Your Next Great Read is Now Easier Than Ever with *NoveList*

Have you ever finished a great book and wanted to find more just like it? Or wanted to help your child find just the right book to read? KPL now offers *NoveList*, a helpful resource to help readers match up with the books that are right for them.

The *NoveList* database connects readers to their next book by making recommendations for what to read next. One of the most popular elements is read-alikes, a feature that suggests titles that are 'just like' other titles. If you've just finished a great book or series, you can log into *NoveList* to find similar books and discover your next favorite author or series. It also contains lists of recommended reads and award-winning fiction titles for all ages from the youngest readers to adults. It includes extra content like professional and reader reviews, book discussion guides, curriculum guides, and other book-oriented articles. Book groups and teachers may find these resources especially helpful.

Ask about *NoveList* on your next visit to the library. Or look for it on the Library website at [www.kpl.gov/databases](http://www.kpl.gov/databases) under the literature section. Contact Caitlin Hoag at 269-553-7840 with any *NoveList* questions.

## & MORE

### Tamales for Day of the Dead

Mon, October 17, 6 pm, EAS

Maria Hernandez will demonstrate how to make tamales in honor of the Day of the Dead. For three days we place fresh tamales on the altar to feed the souls of family members who have passed away. We provide them with tamales, fruit and drinks. When the tamales have gotten cold it's time for the family to eat, drink and be merry.

### ® Creating Confident Caregivers

Tuesdays, October 18, 25,

November 1, 15, 22, & 29, 2 pm, OSH

Are you caring for someone with Alzheimer's, dementia, or memory loss? Creating Confident Caregivers is an educational training program for family members who are caring for a person with a dementia related illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. This program has been proven to reduce caregiver stress by providing caregivers with useful tools and information. Caregivers will learn about the progression of the disease, how it impacts their loved one, learn strategies to manage difficult behaviors, and the importance of taking care of themselves. This is not a support group, but an opportunity to learn new information and strategies that will make the job of caregiving easier and more rewarding. Presented by Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging, IIIA. Registration required, call 373-5141.

### LAND GRAB: The Movie

Thurs, October 6, 7 pm,  
Alamo Drafthouse

*Land Grab* is the story of an eccentric finance mogul's dream to create the world's largest urban farm in his hometown of Detroit and the political firestorm he unintentionally ignited by announcing that he would spend \$30 million of his own fortune to build this farm in one of the most economically devastated neighborhoods of the bankrupt Motor City. Limited seating – tickets available at CEN beginning September 1.



### Embracing Forgiveness

Tues, October 25, 6 pm, POW

Andrew Collins, a former Benton Harbor cop, falsified evidence in a case that sent Jameel McGee to prison for four years for a crime he didn't commit. Collins' misconduct later came to light, and he served time in prison for his crimes. Both McGee and Collins say their time in prison was a defining moment in their lives. They later discovered and embraced the power of forgiveness, and are now good friends and co-workers. Hear their powerful story about embracing forgiveness. This program is sponsored in part by the Antiracism Transformation Team of the Kalamazoo Public Library.

### Day of the Dead Celebration

Tues, November 1, 5:30 pm, POW

Join us for an all ages celebration of the Day of the Dead, with music, food, face painting, and dancing. Co-sponsored by Despierta Kalamazoo and the Hispanic American Council.

### Creating a Culture of Reading Literacy Event

Mon, November 14, 5:30 pm, EAS

Join the Kalamazoo Literacy Council and Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity for crafts, food, a literacy obstacle course, and opportunities to meet your neighbors at this fun neighborhood event! Children receive a free book to take home. This event is funded by a Newell Rubbermaid Literacy Grant.

### Korean Farm-to-Table

Wed, November 16, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Nabe, farm manager of Bonamego Farms, will demonstrate how to prepare dishes with seasonally available produce appropriate for a farm-to-table Thanksgiving meal, Korean style.



# Tween & Teen events

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## Teen Advisory Board, Gr 6-12

**Mondays, September 12, October 10, November 14, 4:30-5:30 pm, CEN & OSH**

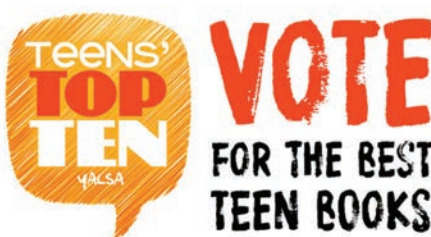
Attention Teens! Are you looking for ways to give back to your library and your community while having fun at the same time? Join KPL's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) at either Central or Oshtemo! TAB is an informal, fun group of teens who meet monthly to play games, plan library programs, test out new services for teens, and more. TAB members also get special perks, rewards, and opportunities! Want to know more? Register online.



## KPL Teen Volunteer Team

Are you interested in making Kalamazoo a better place? Do you love the library? Do you need volunteer hours for school or another organization? Join KPL's TVT. Applications available at [www.kpl.gov/teen/volunteer](http://www.kpl.gov/teen/volunteer). Volunteer opportunities starting October 1.

## BOOK CLUBS @ KPL



### Teen's Top 10, Gr 7-12

Are you interested in being part of a teen book group that gets to read pre-publication copies of new teen books? Do you like to write book reviews? Do you want to help select the best books for teens and share that list with libraries, schools, and stores across the U.S.? Join our Teen's Top 10 Book Group! For more information, visit [www.kpl.gov/teen-top-10](http://www.kpl.gov/teen-top-10).



### 📖 Pizza & Pages, Gr 6-12

**Sat, September 24, 12 pm, CEN, *Orbiting Jupiter* by visiting author, Gary Schmidt**

**Wed, October 19, 4:30 pm, CEN, *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness**

**Thurs, November 10, 4:30 pm, CEN, choice of book by visiting author: Naomi Shihab Nye, *Habibi* or 13 *Varieties of Gazelle***

Stop by the library location to register and pick up a free copy of our featured book. Take it home, read it, then come back and discuss it over pizza!

**📖** Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.

### 📖 Teen Book Club, Gr 5-12

**Tuesdays, September 13, October 11, November 8, 4:30-5:30 pm, POW**

Stop by the library to register and pick up your free copy of the book. Read it and bring it back for a discussion and pizza at the library. In Fall 2016, we'll be reading Stephanie Moore's, *Prime Choice* series.

### 📖 SHARE Book Club, Gr 5-12

**Mon, October 24, 6-7 pm, CEN**

Stop by the library to pick up your free copy of Ta-Nehisi Coates new graphic novel *The Black Panther*. Bring it back to discuss over pizza at the library. This program co-sponsored by SHARE: Society for History and Racial Equity. Please register.

## MAKER

### Maker Monday, Gr 5-12

**Mondays, September 26, October 24, November 28, 4:30-5:30 pm, CEN, Teen Area**

Tinker, make, try, create and explore at the library. Each month will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process (not the product)!

**September .... Banned Book Art  
October ..... Candy Crafts  
November ..... Pixel Art**

### Crafternoon, Gr 5-12

**Thurs, September 22, October 20, November 17, 4:30-5:30 pm, EAS  
Wed, September 21, October 19, November 16, 4:30-5:30 pm, POW**  
Drop in and make crafts with friends.

### 📖 Jewelry Making with Meg Tang, Gr 5-12

**Mon, September 26, 6 pm, CEN  
Mon, November 28, 6 pm, OSH**

Local jewelry making expert Meg Tang will help teens craft a one-of-a-kind piece using found items, wire, and more! All materials provided. Please register.

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## MEET THE AUTHOR:

**Gary Schmidt, Family**

Wed, October 12, 6:30 pm, CEN



Meet two-time Newbery Award winning author and National Book Award Finalist, Gary D. Schmidt. Gary

is the author of *Orbiting Jupiter*, *The Wednesday Wars*, *Okay for Now*, *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, and many more beloved novels. Book signing and sale to follow. Book provided by Bookbug.

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**POW** (Alma Powell) ..... 553-7960

**WSQ** (Washington Square) ... 553-7970

## WORDS

**Letters with RAWK, Gr 5-12**

Mon, August 29, 1 pm, CEN

A well-written letter really can change the world. Join this workshop with Read and Write Kalamazoo to practice the art of letter writing. Share your voice in a letter to the next US President.

**Speak it Forward  
Presents: Leading  
Through Poetry, Gr 5-12**

Tuesdays, September 13, 27,  
October 11, 25, November 8, 22, CEN

Join the mentors of Speak it Forward Inc., to empower youth at KPL. Craft new poems and develop works together. These workshops will lead up to an April 2017 Art Hop event showcasing youth poetry. No expertise necessary! All supplies (and snacks!) provided.

**Teen Read Week  
Celebration, Gr 5-12**

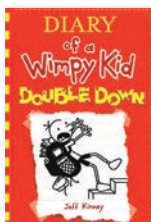
October 9-15, Open Hours,  
All Locations

For every program attended during Teen Read Week, overdue fines will be eliminated on



one returned library item (does not apply to lost or damaged items).

Daily drop in programs offered during open hours. Read and recommend books and earn prizes! Full details at [www.kpl.gov/teenreadweek](http://www.kpl.gov/teenreadweek).



**Diary of a  
Wimpy Kid  
Party, All Ages**

Tues, November 1,  
6-7 pm, OSH

Celebrate the release of Book 11, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down*. Play games, make crafts, and listen to the beginning of the new book read aloud. Fun for *Wimpy Kid* fans of all ages. Snacks and prizes!



**Letters to the Next  
President 2.0, Gr 5-12**

August 29-November 2, All Locations

Letters to the Next President 2.0 is a partnership program with the National Writing Project to engage and connect young people ages 13-18, as they research, write, and make media to voice their opinions on issues that matter to them. Share your voice with the nation as we upload your creations to the national L2P2.0 site.

**Essay Writing with  
Jennifer Clark, Gr 9-12**

Sat, September 10, 10:30 am, CEN

Perfect those college essays in time for admission and scholarship application deadlines. Practice your personal writing with exercises and tips from writing teacher, Jennifer Clark. Stay for the editing session afterwards to get help with a current essay.

## TECH

**Tech Tuesdays, Gr 5-12**

Tuesdays, October 4, November 1,  
December 6, 4:30-5:30, CEN

Experiment with cutting edge technology tools. Explore a different project each month!

October ..... LittleBits

November ..... Ozobots

December ..... MakeyMakey

**Code Lab, Gr 5-12**

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26,  
4-5:30 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Explore programming concepts through virtual resources, hands-on activities, and more with other techies! A different challenge posted each week. Participate in the library lab or at home. No previous experience necessary. Together we'll work to demystify coding, with fun, youth-centric, projects that bring the power of computer programming to all of us! All materials provided.



## GEEK OUT!

### Batman Day, All Ages

Sat, September 17, Open Hours,  
CEN, EAS, OSH, & WSQ

Drop in for themed activities and crafts celebrating the Dark Night. Sponsored by DC Comics Batman Day events.

### GeekFest, All Ages

Sat, September 17,  
11 am – 3 pm  
Antwerp Activity Center  
24821 Front Ave,  
Mattawan

A comic book, gaming, cosplay convention for all ages. Hosted by Kalamazoo Public Library, Lawton Public Library, Paw Paw District Library, Portage District Library and Van Buren District Library. Info can be found at [facebook.com/SWMGeekFest](https://facebook.com/SWMGeekFest).

### J-Pop Club, Teens Only

Mondays, September 19, October 17,  
November 21, 4:30-5:30 pm, CEN

Enjoy the latest and coolest stuff straight from Japan. Talk about your favorite anime and manga, show off your cosplay skills, and learn all sorts of amazing info about Japanese culture! Vote for your favorite anime series, and tell us what to get next. If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this casual club. Stop in any time during the event.



### Star Wars Reads Month

October 2016

Celebrate reading and the force with drop-in Star Wars themed crafts and activities throughout the month. Dates and locations listed on [www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov).



Call for  
entries begins  
September 1



## 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEEN FILMMAKER FEST

Visit [kpl.gov/teenfilmfest](http://kpl.gov/teenfilmfest)  
for information

## GAMING

### Game On, Gr 5-12

Wed, September 28, October 26,  
November 30, 4:30-6 pm, CEN  
Mon, October 3 & November 7,  
4:30-6 pm, POW  
Tues, October 4 & November 8,  
4:30-6, EAS

Get your game on! From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill, and fun. Choose from one of our many board, card, or video games, or bring one of your own! Sign up to play in a no-holds-barred tournament with Super Smash Brothers, Pokken Tournament, or Mario Kart 8! Prizes for top competitors!

### International Games Day, Gr 5-12

Sat, November 19, 1-3 pm, CEN

Read, learn, play! Celebrate International Games Day @ KPL. Join gamers from around the world for International Game Day! Play a variety of board games, computer games, card games, and more!

## MOVE

### Breakdance with Kalamacrew

Tues, October 4, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, CEN

Learn some sweet moves from the guys at Kalamacrew, a local bboy crew, prominent in Kalamazoo's hip hop scene.

### Zumba, Gr 5-12

Saturdays, October 8, 15, 22,  
10:30 am, OSH

Get your Zumba on! Zumba features dance, strength training and kickboxing. Taught by instructors from Amy Baker's ZuCrew. Bring a friend! Adults welcome when accompanied by a teen.

### Disc Golf Club, Gr 5-12

Mondays, September 19, 26,  
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 4:30-5:30 pm,  
OSH

Learn to play Disc Golf with friends at Oshtemo Township park. The first session will feature professional player and course designer, Kirk Haggadone of LunaDisc. No experience necessary! Subsequent sessions will be facilitated by library staff. Outdoor events, weather permitting. Please register.

## & MORE

### R Teen Mom Night, Gr 9-12

Tuesdays, October 11 & December 13,  
6-7 pm, POW

Bring your babies for stories and crafts. We'll do hair and nails in October and make a photo book in December.

Please register.



# events Kids

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## Storybook Character Election, Ages 3-11

Tues, October 4, 4-5:30 pm, CEN  
Mon, October 10, 4-5:30 pm, EAS  
Tues, October 11, 4-5:30 pm, POW  
Thurs, October 13, 4-5:30 pm, WSQ  
Mon, October 17, 4-5:30 pm, OSH

Calling all young citizens! Come out and vote for your favorite storybook character at KPL. Stop by and create a video supporting your candidate, make a campaign button to wear, and create a campaign poster.

Cast your ballot November 1 to November 5. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, November 8.

And the nominees are:

**Alma Powell Branch Nominee**  
Doc McStuffins

**Central Library Nominee**  
Elephant and Piggie

**Eastwood Branch Nominee**  
Pete the Cat

**Oshtemo Branch Nominee**  
Waldo

**Washington Square Nominee**  
Dora the Explorer

**M** Maker Program

**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

**T** Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.



## BOOK NOOK

### **R Bookworms, Ages 6-11**

Tuesdays, September 13, October 11, November 8, 4:30 pm, OSH  
Thursdays, September 22 & October 27, 4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grown-ups. In September, we'll read *No Talking* by Andrew Clements. In October, we'll read *Gaby, Lost and Found* by Angela Cervantes. In November, we'll read *The Turtle of Oman* by Naomi Shihab Nye. Registration required.

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Thurs, November 17, 6:30-8 pm, CEN

(Doors open at 6 pm, seating may be limited) FREE event; open to the public

Naomi Shihab Nye gives voice to her experience as an Arab-American through poems about heritage and peace that overflow with a humanitarian spirit. About her work, the poet William Stafford has said, "her poems combine transcendent liveliness and sparkle along with warmth and human insight. She is a champion of the literature of encouragement and heart. Reading her work enhances life."

## AMAZING ANIMALS

### **T All About Owls, Family** Sat, September 24, 10:30 am & 11:30 am, OSH

Blandford Nature Center will teach you about these special birds and why they make such great predators. You will get to handle some natural artifacts and meet some live owls. Space is limited. FREE ticket required.

### **Squirrels: Watch Their Tails and Hear Their Tales, Ages 6-11**

Tues, October 4, 4:30 pm, POW  
Thurs, October 13, 4:30 pm, EAS

Squirrel away for some fun today... activities, stories, and crafts about squirrels. Delicious snacks provided.

### **R Reading with Tucker, Family** Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 4-5:30 pm, EAS Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30, 4-5:30 pm, POW

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Tucker, the very friendly golden retriever. Registration required. Call location to register.

### **T Bats in the Library, Family** Thurs, October 20, 4 pm, WSQ

Learn the truth about bats through this exciting and interactive presentation. Meet bats from across the world and learn why these wonderful animals are so important to ecosystems, and to you! Presented by the Organization for Bat Conservation. Space is limited. FREE ticket required.



## MUSIC & THEATRE

### **Musical Storytime, Family**

**Mondays, September 12, October 10,  
November 14, 6:30 pm, OSH**

**Mondays, September 26, October 24,  
November 28, 6:30 pm, CEN**

Favorite songs, stories and special guests.

### **R Musical Storybooks, The Maestro Plays, Ages 3-6**

**Tues, October 18, 9:30 & 10:30 am, CEN**

**Wed, October 19, 9:30 & 10:30 am, CEN**

**Thurs, October 20, 10:30 am, EAS**

Based on Bill Martin Jr.'s *The Maestro Plays*, Musical Storybooks features storytime, craft, and child-friendly performance by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet. Groups welcome.

Registration required.

### **R KSO Carnival of the Animals, All Ages**

**Sat, October 22, 10:30 am & 12 pm, CEN**

Explore animals through music! A well-loved family classic comes to life as it is performed by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's brass quintet. Enjoy an instrument petting zoo, meet the musicians, and create a craft based on the movements of these lively animals. This concert is part of the KSO Family Fun Chamber Series. Registration required.

### **R Ramona Quimby, Ages 4-8**

**Saturdays, October 22 &  
October 29, 1 pm, CEN**

**Sat, November 5, 1 pm,  
Civic Auditorium**

Join the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre's Academy of Theatre Arts for creative dramatics with the Civic Youth Theatre production of *Ramona Quimby*! Students and a parent/caregiver will come to a workshop, a backstage tour, and then see the production! Plan to attend all three sessions. Registration required.

## STEM

### **LEGO at the Library, Family**

**Saturdays, September 3, October 1,  
November 5, 10:30 am, OSH**

**Wednesdays, September 14, October  
12, November 9, 6:30 pm, WSQ**

**Saturdays, September 17, October 15,  
November 19, 10:30 am, CEN**

**Wednesdays, September 28  
& October 19, 4 pm, POW**

**Thursdays, September 29, October 20  
& November 10, 4 pm, EAS**

**Tues, November 15, 4 pm, POW**

Build, create, race, inspire and imagine with other LEGO fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.

### **R Little Scientists, Ages 3-6**

**Mondays, September 12, October 10,  
November 14, 10:30 am, CEN**

**Fridays, October 7, 14, 21, 28,  
10:30 am, OSH**

Stories and science for preschoolers and a caregiver. Registration required. Topics posted on kpl.gov.

### **R Maker Mondays, Ages 6-11**

**Mondays, September 19, October 17,  
November 21, 4:30 pm, CEN**

Drop in for tinkering, creating, and exploring – a different project each time. Topics posted on kpl.gov.

### **Eastwood STEM Festival, Family**

**Mon, September 26, 4-7 pm, EAS**

Bring the entire family out for a fun-filled evening of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math! Engage in hands-on STEM activities presented by Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Snacks provided.

### **R Harry Potter Science by Chemical Kim, Ages 5-11**

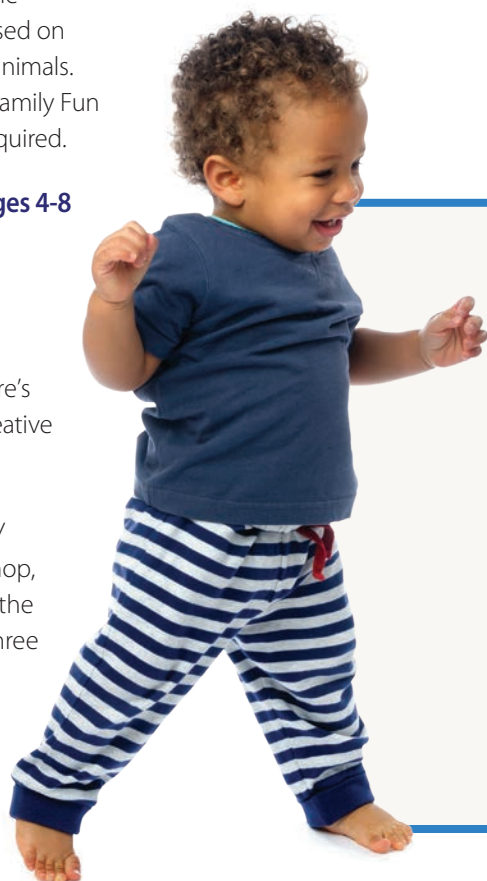
**Wed, September 28, 6:30 pm, WSQ**

Discover the science behind Harry Potter's magic at this hands-on program. Space is limited. Registration required.

### **R Wee Code, Ages 3-6**

**Thursdays, October 13 & November 17,  
10:30 am, CEN**

Coding is the new literacy. Young children learn coding through hands-on computer activities and "unplugged" game play with caregiver. Registration required.



## MOVE!

### **Zumba for Kids**

**Fri, September 23, 4:30 pm, CEN, Ages 4-8**

**Wed, October 5, 4:30 pm, POW, Ages 6-11**

**Fri, October 28, 4:30 pm, CEN, Ages 4-8**

**Thurs, November 17, 4:30 pm, EAS, Ages 6-11**

Join in this high-energy dance session with the sounds of salsa, merengue, reggaeton, and more. Caregivers are welcome to join in.

### **Tumble Toddlers, Ages 1-2**

**Sat, October 1 & November 12, 10:30 am, CEN**

Beginner walkers with caregivers will love this free movement experience with music and a big open space.

# events Kids

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## First Saturday @KPL, Family Saturdays, September 3, October 1, November 5, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of each month! Get your library card or pick out some books to check out. Enjoy stories, activities, special guests, and door prizes. Something different each month! First Saturday is a partnership program for KPL and Kalamazoo Public Schools.

**September Host:**  
*Despierta Kalamazoo*

**October Host:**  
*WMU McGinnis Reading Center*

**November Host:**  
*WMU H.I.G.E. Outreach*

**CEN** (Central Library) . . . . . 553-7800

**EAS** (Eastwood) . . . . . 553-7810

**OSH** (Oshtemo) . . . . . 553-7980

**POW** (Alma Powell) . . . . . 553-7960

**WSQ** (Washington Square) . 553-7970

**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### International Day of Peace, All Ages

Wed, September 21, 1-6 pm,  
POW & EAS

Celebrate International Day of Peace with make-and-take crafts and activities during open hours.



### Day of the Dead, Ages 6-11

Wed, October 5, 6:30 pm, WSQ  
Tues, October 25, 6:30 pm, OSH

Make paper flowers, papel picado, your own Catrina, decorate an altar, and learn about this Mexican tradition of honoring our ancestors.

### Creepy Crafternoon, Ages 5-11

Fri, October 14, 3 pm, CEN  
Drop in and make a creepy crawly pet.

### **R** Sweet and Spooky Gingerbread Houses, Ages 6-11

Tues, October 25, 4:30 pm, POW  
Wed, October 26, 6:30 pm, WSQ  
Sat, October 29, 11 am & 1 pm, OSH

Create a creepy gingerbread and candy house to frighten friends and family! Registration required.

### Day of the Dead Celebration, Family

Tues, November 1, 5:30-7:30 pm, POW  
Join us for a family celebration of the Day of the Dead with music, food, face painting, and dancing. Co-sponsored by Despierta Kalamazoo and Hispanic American Council.



### Mask Making, Ages 5-12

Mon, October 24, 4 pm, EAS  
Wed, October 26, 4 pm, POW

Drop in and make a cool, sweet, or scary Halloween mask.

### Halloween Crafts for Kids, All Ages

Mon, October 24, 1-6 pm, EAS  
Wed, October 26, 1-6 pm, POW

Drop in and make some Halloween crafts and enjoy a free treat.

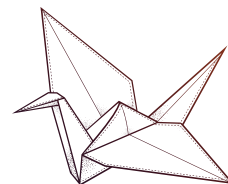
### **R** Dream Catcher Craft, Ages 6-11

Mon, November 7, 4 pm, CEN

Dream catchers are one of the most fascinating traditions of Native Americans. Come and make your own dream catcher. Space is limited, registration required.

### **R** Kamishibai, Ages 6-11 Sat, November 12, 11 am, CEN

Experience Japanese storytelling then create intricate origami art pieces. Space is limited, registration required.



### Harvest Crafts, Family

Mon, November 21, 10 am-8 pm, OSH  
Tues, November 22, 12-8 pm, OSH

Drop in and create some harvest themed crafts during open hours at the library.

### Thanksgiving Craft, All Ages

Mon, November 21, 1-6 pm, EAS  
Tues, November 22, 1-6 pm, POW

Drop in and create some Thanksgiving themed crafts. A treat will be provided.

## STAY & PLAY

### **Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3**

**Wednesdays, 10:15 am, OSH**

**September 7, 14, 21, 28**

**October 5, 12, 19, 26**

**November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1-3 year-olds. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.

### **Baby Talk, Up to Age 1 Year**

**Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, OSH**

**September 7, 14, 21, 28**

**October 5, 12, 19, 26**

**November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Talk about the care of babies up to one year of age with other parents. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.



### **R 1-2-3 Play with Me, Ages 1-3**

**Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 am, CEN**

**Mondays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 am, OSH**

**Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 am, CEN**

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable workshop. For children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Registration required. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with registered toddler.

### **Play and Learn, Ages 1-5**

**Every Mon, 5:30-7 pm, EAS**

**Every Thurs, 10:30 am-12 pm, EAS**

Come to the Eastwood Story Place and engage in play for early learning. For children ages 1 to 5 with caregiver, siblings welcomed.

## STORYTIMES

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

### **Preschool Storytime, Ages 3-5**

**Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 am, CEN**

**Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 am, CEN**

Stories, songs, and activities.

### **Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3**

**Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 25, 10:30 am, CEN**

Songs, movement, and stories.

### **Baby Lapsit, Birth – Pre-walkers**

**Mondays, September 12, 19, 26, 10:15 am, OSH**

**Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 26, 9:30 am, CEN**

**Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:15 am, OSH**

Songs, bounces, and rhymes.

### **Baby Steps, Walkers – 24 Months**

**Mondays, September 12, 19, 26, 11 am, OSH**

**Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 26, 10:30 am, CEN**

**Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 11 am, OSH**

Rhymes, songs, and books for beginner walkers.

### **Family Storytime, Family**

Stories, activities and special guests, designed for birth to 5 and their families.

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH**

**September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**October 6, 13, 20, 27**

**November 10, 17**

**Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN**

**September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**October 7, 14, 21, 28**

**November 4, 11, 25**

### **Cuentos y Canciones, Family**

**Thursdays, September 29 & October 6, 4:30 pm, CEN**

**Saturday, October 1, 10:30 am, WSQ**

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with bilingual stories, songs, and special guests.

## & MORE

### **Oshtemo Fall Festival**

**Sat, October 8, 1-4 pm, OSH**

Celebrate fall with the Oshtemo Branch Library. Drop in for autumnal activities and treats. Meet local author Frances Kozlowski who will read her children's book, *At Home with Anil, House Lizard of India*.

### **Lord of the Gourd, Family**

**Tues, October 11, 4-7 pm, OSH**

**Wed, October 12, 3-6 pm, POW**

**Thurs, October 13, 4-7 pm, CEN**

Pat Harrison, the Lord of the Gourd, will return to KPL to carve up unique and beautiful designs. Drop in and see how he does it!

### **R Cinema Shorts, Family**

**Sat, October 22, 3 pm, CEN**

**Fri, November 25, 3 pm, CEN**

Grab a snack and enjoy classic family holiday movies. In October, Sesame Street presents *A Magical Halloween Adventure*. In November, *Winnie the Pooh Seasons of Giving*. Space is limited, registration required.

### **Monster House, Family**

**Mon, October 31, 4 pm, POW**

Go for an "exciting and hilarious thrill-ride" watching this family friendly favorite. Snacks provided while supplies last.

### **Creating a Culture of Reading Literacy Event, Family**

**Mon, November 14, 5:30-7:30 pm, EAS**

Join the Kalamazoo Literacy Council and Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity for crafts, food, a literacy obstacle course, and opportunities to meet your neighbors at this fun neighborhood event! Children receive a free book to take home. This event is funded by a Newell Rubbermaid Literacy Grant.

### **International Games**

#### **Day @ KPL, Family**

**Sat, November 19, 11 am-4 pm, CEN**

Read, learn, play! Celebrate International Games Day @ KPL. Join gamers from around the world for International Games Day! Play a variety of board games, computer games, card games, and more!





## Director's Note

Earlier this year, we conducted a user experience study, commonly referred to as a UX study, with the help of the WMU Kercher Center for Social Research. We were interested in the user experience with our website and online catalog. The study had three phases: a survey, focus groups, and observations.

We are pleased almost 1,300 patrons participated and most expressed a positive experience with our website and catalog. Not surprisingly, the typical use was to locate materials. Many mentioned learning about library events, some to do research. Some offered specific critiques of sections of the website and catalog; some offered suggestions for improvement but reported overall satisfaction with their digital experience.

To address some of the questions and comments:

- We also wish our catalog was more like Google; library catalog vendors are working in that direction. We can make some changes but others need to be done by the vendor.
- Some of you find the search bar for the catalog difficult to locate. We adjusted it to make it more visible.
- Yes, it can be a challenge to download an ebook on our website. We have online and printed materials, and staff are very willing to help. Bring in your device.
- Yes, there aren't as many popular titles available in ebook format as we would like. Publishers do not make all titles available to libraries in this format. We buy all popular titles available.
- We heard the suggestion for online video tutorials on how to use the catalog. We'll be working on those over the next several months.
- Our Author Alerts service will let you know when your favorite author has published a new title. Sign up through the Books section of our website and choose your favorites.
- We are glad you like the email reminders of when your materials are due and online renewal of materials.
- Yes, we do have online payment through our website; click on Pay Online in the footer or use a credit card at our checkout kiosks.



- We hope to add more features to our mobile app and are working with the vendor. The events calendar on the mobile app isn't as user friendly as we would like. Vendors are working to improve their offerings; we keep pressing them.
- We ask you to renew your library card annually to keep our files current. You might have moved or changed your email address, and we need your contact information to keep in touch.
- We're glad you like our Staff Picks on the website.
- In response to your suggestions, we have added More Like This – look for this tab on the catalog record. We also have subscribed to *Novelist*, a database of fiction suggestions.
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- Service hours at all locations are listed on the bottom of each page on our website. Scroll to the bottom.

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Come visit soon – online or at any of our five buildings.

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